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For: **POLARIZING PLATE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME**

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Applicant is not submitting duplicate copies of U.S. Patent No. 6,686,980, U.S. Patent No. 5,706,131, WO 96/07941 and JP 03-058004, which are the references of record in parent application No. 10/062,437, but requests that they are listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d))

One copy of each of JP 9-197125, JP 8-511109, WO 94/128073 and JP 2001-154022, is submitted herewith.

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		JP	2001-154022		06-08-2001	Nitto Denko Group	Yes

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